

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2700**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2120
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2120 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase payments for physician services for medicaid-eligible persons, including fee-for-service and QUEST-eligible individuals, and the QUEST expanded care program.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Appropriates an unspecified amount of funds for the 2012-2013 fiscal year to the Department of Human Services to increase payments for physician services to medicaid-eligible persons, including fee-for-service and QUEST-eligible individuals, and the QUEST expanded care program; and
- (2) Requires the Department of Human Services to include in its budget request for each year of the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium a sum at least equal to the sum appropriated for fiscal year 2012-2013, in addition to its baseline medicaid request.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from The Hawaii Disability Rights Center and Hawaii Medical Association.

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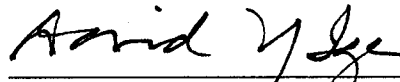


Your Committee finds that physicians are not being compensated for essential services at a level sufficient to cover costs. Increasing medicaid reimbursement rates for physicians is important to fairly compensate physicians who treat medicaid-eligible individuals, and higher reimbursement rates will create sufficient incentives for physicians to continue to provide the care that these recipients require.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2120, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2120, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

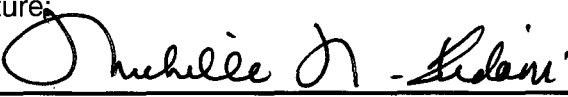


DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2120	HMS, WAM	2-29-12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	10	0	0	4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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